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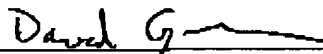
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed.

In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons.

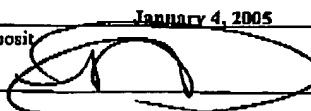
In particular, Applicant notes that claim 13 recites that the light transmissive element is "integrally molded" to the polishing pad rather than "abutting and secured". In addition, claim 19 recites "a light transmissive first layer spanning the polishing article; and a second layer that is less transmissive to light than the first layer, the second layer having an aperture therethrough" rather than the limitations identified by the Examiner.

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